



Keith Longie, M.P.H. Director Office of Information Technology Indian Health Service

Keith Longie, a member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribe, is the Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Director of the Office of Information Technology, Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. As CIO, Mr. Longie oversees a diverse range of agency functions in information systems planning, development, and management.

Mr. Longie began his IHS career in 1977 as a Program Analyst in the Facilities Construction Planning Branch at IHS Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. In 1978, he transferred to the Office of Program Planning, Phoenix Area IHS, as Lead Planner and Planning Coordinator. In 1980, Mr. Longie moved to Salem, Oregon, as the Assistant Director for the Western Oregon Service Unit. From 1984-1991, he worked in the Portland Area Office as the Chief, Management Information Systems Branch, and later as Assistant Area Director, Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Information Systems. In 1991, Mr. Longie was promoted to the Director, Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Information Resources, Phoenix Area IHS, and served in this capacity until 2003 when he became Acting Director for the IHS Office of Information Technology.

Mr. Longie has been a successful leader and pioneer in the IHS as demonstrated by his many accomplishments, including establishing the first Portland Area field epidemiology program; successfully attaining the first Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organization's ambulatory accreditation in the Portland Area IHS; planning, deploying, and installing the first computer systems in IHS field clinics; and leading the development of the first IHS patient registration, contract health services, and ambulatory patient care program software applications. His more recent accomplishments as IHS CIO include the development and initial deployment of the IHS Electronic Health Record, establishment of the national telehealth initiative and naming of the first IHS Telehealth Coordinator, and development of the IHS Data Warehouse to completely replace an aging legacy system.

He has also served on numerous national committees and workgroups, including as a member of the Joint Allocations Methodology Workgroup in 1995 and the IHS Title III transition team from 1995 though 1997, and as chairperson of the IHS Information Systems Workgroup in 1999 and co-chair of the Information Systems Advisory Committee from 1999 through 2003.

Among Mr. Longie's honors are the Area Director's Award for Excellence, Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, USPHS Commendation Award, IHS Honor Award, IHS Citation for Exemplary Group Performance, two Exceptional Capability Promotions, USPHS Achievement Award, and a USPHS Citation Award.

After receiving a bachelor of science degree from Southern Oregon State College in Ashland, Oregon, in 1974, Mr. Longie earned a master's degree in public health from the University of California in Berkeley, California, in 1977.